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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, please enter into the record of the above application the following amendment.

- 1. Pages 2-5 contain claim amendments.
- Pages 6-9 contain remarks. 2.

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4. Fees

The amendments made herein have not changed the total number of pending claims, which remains at 20 given that new claim 21 has been offset by canceled claim 5. The total number of <u>independent</u> claims has increased from 4 to 5 (claims 1, 16, 19, 20 and 21). Since this response has been timely filed, only the \$86 fee for the additional independent claim and the \$180 IDS fee are believed due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge these and any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account 17-0055.

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